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To: Local Homeland Security Grant Points of Contact

From: Richard M. Flynn, Commissioner

Re: Request for Proposals – State Homeland Security Program – First Responder

I am pleased to communicate that after the initial State Homeland Security Program First Responder competitive grant awards were finalized, the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee has recommended opening the remaining \$208,526.52 for another competitive grant process. The committee has recommended that the requests focus specifically on the acquisition of regionalized Mass Casualty Trailers, in specific identified locations in the state.

The 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee awarded three Mass Casualty Incident Trailers to three different regions of the State; Salem Fire Department, a collaboration of the Raymond, Deerfield and Epping Fire Departments, and Dover Fire and Rescue were the recipients. The committee agreed that the State of NH would be well served to equip other regions with the same Mass Casualty Incident Trailers in areas of the state somewhat underserved by this capacity. The committee agreed these trailers would be complimentary to capabilities being built regionally for clinically oriented logistic trailers.

The committee has agreed to spec out the Mass Casualty Trailers based on the applications that were approved in the first round and also agreed that the applications should be highly regionalized, specifically in the Northern, Central and Western parts of the state. Therefore, regions should apply for need and location, rather than equipment. The NH Division of Fire Standards and Training and EMS collaborated on devising the attached specifications.

Details of Specifications: Attached to this communication are specifications for four standardized trailers at a value of about \$52,130 each. The list specifically outlines what will be purchased with the grant award, with no exceptions. The trailers are included and will remain in the possession of the grantee. The stocking of the trailers *may* become a local responsibility of the grantee in the future depending upon the availability of federal funds after a depletion of stock in the event of a disaster that would require the use of the MCI Trailer. Routine upkeep and maintenance of the trailer will likely revert to the local entity per program regulations. The 2005 DHS AEL currently states that the MCI Trailer is not intended for use other than in a specific event of WMD/CBRNE or all-hazards incident. Grantees are responsible for replenishing items after shelf-life expiration dates. Further, the 2005 DHS AEL states: "Medical equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals purchased under this grant

program are allowable only to supplement normal stores in order to provide the surge capacity necessary for CBRNE terrorism response. They are not intended for routine use.”

Application forms and other information can be found on our website:

<http://www.nh.gov/safety/homeland/2005/2005homelandsecuritygrants.html> Some of the information you may find helpful includes:

- Application forms designed specifically for this RFP
- The Department of Homeland Security approved NH State Strategy
- 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee contact information
- Frequently Asked Questions

These proposals are due to the Department of Safety, Grants Management Unit, 33 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03305 by January 4, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. These grant proposals will be reviewed and scored by the 2005 Homeland Security Grant Review Committee based on an established score criteria.

Once funds are awarded, municipalities will be able to choose their own local procurement process to secure eligible approved equipment. Grant reimbursement to municipalities will be made after purchases are completed at the local level and invoices and canceled checks are submitted to the Grants Management Unit. All Homeland equipment purchases are subject to State and Federal approvals. The Department of Safety Grant Administrator, Pam Urban-Morin will coordinate approval with U.S. Department of Homeland Security, as necessary. It is critical that applicants remain consistent with their approved application when purchasing equipment.

We look forward to assisting you with the 2005 Homeland grant process. Please contact Pam Urban-Morin, Grant Administrator at 603-271-7663 for more information or e-mail: homelandgrants@safety.state.nh.us